

## CLAIMS

1. A method for decreasing transepidermal water loss of skin comprising administering an effective amount of at least one azole derivative to an individual in need thereof.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the azole derivative is selected from the group consisting of miconazole, ketoconazole, dichlorophenyl imidazolodioxalan, clotrimazole, itraconazole, econazole, miconazole, climbazole, terconazole, tioconazole, sertaconazole, sulconazole, butoconazole, fluconazole and valconazole.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the effective amount of the azole derivative is about 0.1% to about 10.0%.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the effective amount of the azole derivative is about 0.25% to about 2.0%.

5. A method for improving or promoting moisturization of skin comprising administering an effective amount of at least one azole to an individual in need of such improvement or promotion.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the azole derivative is selected from the group consisting of miconazole, ketoconazole, dichlorophenyl imidazolodioxalan, clotrimazole, itraconazole, econazole, miconazole, climbazole, terconazole, tioconazole, sertaconazole, sulconazole, butoconazole, fluconazole and valconazole.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the effective amount of the azole derivative is about 0.1% to about 10.0%.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein the effective amount of the azole derivative is about 0.25% to about 2.0%.